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Lawrence University assistant professor of mathematics Eugenie Hunsicker received the Mathematical Association of America's Trevor Evans Award at the organization's recent Summer Mathfest in Boulder, Colo.

The award, established in 1992, recognizes authors of "exceptional articles that are accessible to undergraduates" and published in the association's journal Math Horizons. The award includes a citation and a \$500 cash prize.

Hunsicker was honored for the article, "Simplicity is not Simple," which she co wrote with Laura Taalman of James Madison University. The article, published in the September 2002 edition of Math Horizons, examines the simple mathematics behind modular architecture — from geodesic domes to modern space-efficient buildings — and speculates on how such architecture may someday help house the world.

A specialist in geometry and topology, Hunsicker joined the Lawrence faculty in 1999 after completing her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

The Mathematical Association of America, with nearly 27,000 members, is the world's largest organization devoted to collegiate mathematics education.